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DEVELOPMENT OF POULRY AND HORTICULTURE IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Rajasthan for development of poultry and horticulture during the last three years and current financial year;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the improvement of poultry and horticulture products, infrastructure facilities and their export in the State; and

(c) the details of poultry and horticulture project proposals of State Government lying pending with Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Rajasthan was allocated an amount of Rs.77.79 lakh for strengthening of State Poultry Farm, Khatipura, Jaipur in 2002-03. No further proposal has been received from the State for poultry development thereafter. In regard to horticulture, an expenditure of Rs.1464.00 lakh was incurred in Rajasthan under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during 2005-06. An expenditure of Rs.1768.23 lakh has also been incurred in 2006-07 (up to December, 2006). In 2005-06, the districts covered were Alwar, Ajmer, Barmer, Baran, Chittor, Jaipur, Jhalawar, Jalore, Jodhpur, Kota, Nagaur, Pali and Sri Ganganagar. During 2006-07, four more districts viz. Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Banswara (Tribal and Hilly) and Tonk were included under NHM.

(b): The Government has implemented two schemes, namely, `Assistance to State Poultry Farms` and `Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund` to promote poultry in the country, including Rajasthan. A number of activities have also been taken up under the NHM to improve production and productivity of horticulture. These include ensuring proper post-harvest management of produce so that farmers are able to harvest and sell their products at competitive rates. The crops identified in Rajasthan include aonla, mandarin, kinnow, ber, coriander, cumin, fenugreek, flowers and medicinal and aromatic plants.

(c): No proposals from the Government of Rajasthan are pending with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and the National Horticulture Mission.